NCDOT TO HOLD PUBLIC MEETING JAN. 14 FOR THE PROPOSED OPERATIONAL IMPROVEMENTS TO U.S. 421 FROM NC 16 TO U.S. 421 BUSINESS

TIP Project No. U-5312

Wilkes County

The N. C. Department of Transportation will hold a public meeting in January regarding the proposed project to construct operational improvements to U.S. 421 from NC 16 to the US 421 Business, including Superstreet design in Wilkesboro. The Superstreet design would include 12 foot lanes, a 30-foot raised grass median and 8-foot shoulders (4-foot paved).

The meeting will take place on **Tuesday**, **Jan. 14** at **the Wilkesboro Civic Center** located at **1241 School Street** in **Wilkesboro** from **4 to 7 p.m.** Interested citizens may attend at any time during the meeting hours. NCDOT representatives will be available to answer questions and listen to comments regarding the project. Please note that no formal presentation will be made. Citizens will also have the opportunity to submit comments and questions in writing. Comments received will be taken into consideration as the project develops.

The purpose of the project is to improve traffic and operational safety along U.S. 421 between NC 16 and U.S. 421 Business. U.S. 421 is a part of the Boone to Winston Salem Strategic Highway Corridor.

The public can view maps displaying the location and design of the project online at http://www.ncdot.gov/projects/publicmeetings, as well as at the following locations:

- Division 11 Division Engineer's Office, 801 Statesville Rd, North Wilkesboro
- Wilkesboro Town Manager's Office, 203 West Main St, Wilkesboro

Anyone desiring additional information may contact Marshall Edwards NCDOT-Project Development – Western Region at 1548 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, N.C. 27699-1548 (919) 707-6019 or email: medwards@ncdot.gov. All comments must be received no later than Wednesday, January 29, 2013.

NCDOT will provide auxiliary aids and services under the Americans with Disabilities Act for disabled persons who wish to participate in this meeting. Anyone requiring special services should contact Mr. Edwards as early as possible so that arrangements can be made.

Persons who speak Spanish and do not speak English, or have a limited ability to read, speak or understand English, may receive interpretive services upon request prior to the meeting by calling 1-800-481-6494.